

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1607

Introduced by Assembly Member Keene

February 21, 2003

An act relating to hazardous substances.

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AB 1607, as introduced, Keene. Hazardous substances: methamphetamine: chain of title.

Existing law requires an owner of residential real property who knows, as defined, of any release of an illegal controlled substance that is located on or beneath that real property to give written notice of that condition to the buyer prior to its sale, as specified. Existing law provides for the establishment of a recorder's office in each county, and establishes procedures for the recordation of authorized documents relating to real property. Existing law makes it a crime to knowingly rent or lease space for the purpose of unlawfully manufacturing any controlled substance.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to require a local entity, when evidence of the manufacture of methamphetamine is discovered on a property, to file a standardized form that would state that there may have been drug manufacturing activities on the property, and which would be recorded by the county recorder in the chain of title for the property.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact an act
2 that would do following:

3 (a) Require local law enforcement or another local entity, such
4 as a hazardous materials team or environmental health office,
5 when evidence of the manufacture of methamphetamine is
6 discovered on a property, to file a standardized form that would
7 state that there may have been drug manufacturing activities on the
8 property.

9 (b) Require the entity responsible for filing this form to mail it
10 to the appropriate county recorder's office where it would be
11 entered into the chain of title for the property where the evidence
12 of drug manufacturing activities were found.

